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LAYER UTILIZING AN ANNEAL IN A HYDROGEN ENVIRONMENT

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT **PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)**

Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) and a petition for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(2). A list of documents on form PTO-1449 and copies of each identified document are attached. A check for \$180.00 for the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.92(d)(3) is submitted herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, but before payment of the Issue Fee. The Notice of Allowance was mailed on June 27, 2003.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(1), the following Certification as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is made:

No item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the person signing this Information Disclosure Statement after

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